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**LEMOORE MAN CHARGED WITH PRODUCING  
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY IN A SUPERSEDING INDICMENT**

FRESNO-- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a three-count superseding indictment charging JESS TEDDER, 52, of Lemoore, California with producing, receiving and possessing child pornography. The indictment alleges that on or about June 12, 2007, TEDDER produced, received and was in possession of images involving the sexual exploitation of minors.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) .

According to court documents previously filed in this case, on June 12, 2007, the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) executed a federal search warrant on TEDDER's residence based on information that TEDDER was purchasing child pornography from pay per view websites. On-site forensic examination revealed numerous images of child pornography depicting the sexual exploitation of minors contained on TEDDER's computer hard drive and CD's.

TEDDER is in federal custody following a detention hearing on a criminal complaint. On June 13, 2007, TEDDER was ordered detained as a danger to the community by the Honorable Magistrate Judge Sandra M. Snyder. As reasons for the detention order, Judge Snyder took into account TEDDER's own admissions to law enforcement that he has taken sexually explicit photographs of his minor grandchildren, including photographs exposing his minor granddaughter's vagina, and that he was sexually aroused by viewing child pornography. Judge Snyder also detained TEDDER because he lives close to a school.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Sherrill A. Carvalho, who is prosecuting the case, if convicted, TEDDER faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and a maximum sentence of up to 30 years imprisonment for production of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors. Receipt of child pornography is punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment and a mandatory minimum of five years imprisonment for receipt of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors. Possession of child pornography is punishable by up to 10 years in prison. All three offenses provide for a possible lifetime term of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into

account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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